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TODAY:
Sunny with a
high of 84 and
a low of 59.

FRIDAY:
Mostly sunny
with a high of
85 and a low of
58.

SATURDAY:
Mostly sunny
with a high of
87 and a low of
61.

SUNDAY:
Mostly sunny
with a high of
88 and a low of
65.

verbatim

*"There will be
enough
alcohol there
whether you
want to lose it
internally or
externally to
kill any
disease that
might come
along."*

*President
Anderson*

College Busted For Illegally Watering Athletic Fields

By TERRY L. NORTON

Staff Writer

Mary Washington College violated mandatory city water restrictions one day after they took effect by watering its athletic fields during a severe drought. As a result, the City of Fredericksburg Public Works Department has issued a warning to the college.

Doug Fawcett, director of Public Works Department of Fredericksburg confirmed

that on Friday, Aug. 23 his office received a complaint that the college was violating the most recent water restrictions that were imposed a day earlier. These restrictions prohibited outdoor watering of lawns, washing cars and filling pools. Fawcett said that within 24 hours of the complaint he sent emails to college officials.

John Wittemuth, assistant vice president for Facilities Services, was one of the officials who received the email.

"I was not in my office that week,

therefore a lag occurred in the dissemination of increased water use restrictions to the appropriate offices," Wittemuth said.

According to various sources, this is the worst drought in Virginia in 74 years.

"It would take 50 days of sustained rain to reach a point that warrants lifting the restrictions," said Bruce Boyer, water resources engineer for the Spotsylvania County Utilities Department.

Richard Hurley, executive vice president, said that when he received the email from

the city, he called the staff to calculate how much water would be needed to maintain the athletic fields. Hurley said it would take 76,000 gallons of water a day to maintain the athletic fields.

He added that on Aug. 26, the college applied to the city for an exception to the restrictions.

"The city did not categorically deny the exception but seemed to table it," Hurley said.

"We are now on a day-by-day watch of the

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Dead Crow With West Nile

Virus Found At Brompton

By JAMES TRAMMEL

Staff Writer

The Virginia Department of Health has found a dead crow infected with West Nile virus at Brompton, the President's home. While students are not at substantial risk, the college is taking precautions to remove any threat of student, faculty and staff infection by eliminating mosquitoes, which spread the disease, from campus.

Since 1999, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has

documented 18 deaths associated with West Nile encephalitis, a condition that can develop from the virus. There have also been 149 cases of severe disease reported by the CDC. Risk of infection remains minimal, however, for the majority of the population because even if an infected mosquito bites a person, less than one percent of those people will become severely ill.

According to Joni Wilson, director of Landscaping and Grounds at Mary Washington

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Worth Stokes/Bullet

Governor Mark Warner flanked by MWC supporters and reporters.

MWC Heads To State Pep Rally

By WORTH STOKES

Assistant Photo Editor

College officials and students attended a pep rally on Tuesday in Richmond where Virginia Governor Mark Warner and others spoke enthusiastically about investing in the future of state schools in preparation for the vote on Nov. 5 for the Higher Education General Obligation Bond.

According to Virginia representatives, the Bond Referendum would provide much-needed funding for renovations in community colleges, universities, and colleges in every region of Virginia, including \$23 million to Mary Washington College.

"There is no better time than now, because the cost of capital is so low, and Virginia must be prepared with world-class laboratories for world-class research," Warner said during his speech.

Vice President for Advancement and College Relations Ronald Singleton and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Philip Hall

accompanied seven students bussed to the afternoon rally, and both expressed satisfaction with the event.

"I thought it was a good charged atmosphere," Hall said.

Mary Washington College President William Anderson also attended and said afterwards that he was impressed with the efforts of state politicians and thought it had been a good rally for support.

"I thought it was super, just fabulous seeing so many people from all parts of the state in what is truly a bipartisan effort," Anderson said.

According to Teresa Joerger Mannix, assistant director of News and Information Services, approval of the Bond Referendum on Nov. 5 would allow the college to renovate Lee Hall, Monroe Hall, Chandler, Dodd Auditorium, and Klein Theatre. Mannix said there is only one reason someone may not vote for the Referendum.

"It is incurring debt, but it would be over a long period of time, and it's well within state resources, and if the economy gets worse, the government can choose not to release the bonds," Mannix said.

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President Says College May Not Enroll Virginians

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH

News Editor

Mary Washington College is becoming a harder school for Virginians to attend, at least according to President William Anderson who told college faculty at his Aug. 22 state of the college address that 40 percent of this year's freshman class is from out-of-state.

According to the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia, this is a 16 percent increase in the number of out-of-state students for the college.

Anderson added that he is willing to accept only non-

Virginians because they generate more revenue in fees for the school. Because of this he has been summoned to appear before the House Appropriations Committee of the Virginia General Assembly.

"We knew the state would be upset about that, but that's one of my operating philosophies. You always preferably ask for forgiveness than for permission," Anderson said. "I am all prepared to go and ask forgiveness one more time."

During his speech, Anderson presented a dire view of the college's budget.

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By PATRICE RILEY

Staff Writer

In his 22 years at Simpson Library, Research Librarian Jack Bales has seen that a little fan mail can go a long way. A fan letter he wrote to famed Southern author Willie Morris praising his book "My Dog Skip" led to a close friendship between the two and his eventual editing of "Conversations" with Willie Morris in 2000.

And now another fan letter written to New York Times bestselling author Peter Jenkins is paving off similarly. Bales and Jenkins have emailed each other since the mid 1980s, but the two have never met face to face.

However, upon learning that Jenkins would be traveling through the area this month, Bales invited the writer to visit Mary Washington College. On Monday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m., Jenkins will speak in Dodd Auditorium at the Fredericksburg Forum and will be

available in the library from 2-3 p.m. that day for a reception.

Now a farmer in Spring Hill, Tenn., and a father of six children, Jenkins was once a disillusioned college student at Alfred University. Like many young Americans during the Vietnam War, Jenkins was fed up with the country and wanted to leave. But then one of his friends reminded him that he had hardly even seen any of the country, and pleaded with him to give it one more chance. And so he did.

Two of Jenkins' nine books, "A Walk Across America" and "The Walk West," chronicle the five year, 4,751 mile journey by foot from Alfred, New York to New Orleans to Oregon. Bales said that the popularity of Jenkins' books can be attributed to the uniqueness of the writer's experiences.

"There are not just notes scribbled on a lunch counter in rural America," Bales says. "His books are not just travel stories. He decided early on that he would get to know the people of America."

Included among the wide array of his adventures are Jenkins' encounters with dizzying heat, influenza, and two men he hit over the head with a can of WD-40 when they tried to steal his boat along the Gulf Coast.

Jenkins started out on his walk across the country with only \$600 in his pocket. He worked at numerous jobs along the way, including one at an Appalachian saw mill for a hourly wage of \$1.80.

He relied on the kindness of ordinary American people for lodging. He stayed with whoever offered him a place to spend the night, including a group of offshore oil riggers in Louisiana. Only one night in the entire 5 years did Jenkins sleep in a hotel.

Many students plan on hearing Jenkins speak.

Junior Paul Weishar said, "I just want to know what kind of shoes he has."

Travel Writer Peter Jenkins Travels To Fredericksburg Forum



Photo Courtesy Office Of College Relations

Peter Jenkins and his pet.

Police Beat

By PORTIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Aug. 21—An incident of vandalism occurred between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Campus Drive. The side view mirror was removed from a Mercedes. The total damage is estimated at \$780. The case is under investigation.

Aug. 22—At 1 a.m., an officer stopped a student walking near Russell Hall because he smelled of alcohol. The officer asked the student if he had been drinking. The student replied, "a little." The 18-year-old student was referred to administration for underage drinking.

Aug. 22—An officer pulled over a vehicle carrying 8 or 9 passengers on Double Drive. One of the passengers had been drinking and showed a forged MWC ID that made him appear to be 21. He was arrested for drunk in public and underage drinking. He was also referred to the administration.

Aug. 22—An RA in Mason Hall called the police to confiscate three 12-packs of Natural Ice and a 6-pack of Blue Sky from a student's backpack.

Aug. 24—An incident of vandalism occurred on Marshall Drive. The corner of a windshield of a SUV was busted. The total damage is estimated at \$300. The case is under investigation.

Aug. 25—Three male students were acting suspicious around Chandler Hall around 1:30 a.m. One of the students appeared to be staggering. Each was tested for alcohol. One was released, the second had a blood alcohol content of .05 and was referred to administration and the third had a blood alcohol content of .11 and was arrested for underage drinking and referred to administration.

Aug. 27—After using the restroom, a student in New Hall lit a match to conceal the odor. He put the match in a trash bin after he thought he put it out. The match reignited and caused a small fire. It was extinguished and the fire department came and ventilated the area. An Assistant Director of Residence Life further investigated and found a bottle of gin and a bottle of whiskey. The case was referred to administration.

Aug. 29—An incident of destruction of property occurred in Marshall Hall. Someone deliberately destroyed the doorknob assembly. The total damage is estimated at \$75. A

locksmith replaced the broken lock.

Aug. 30—At 8:45 p.m., an officer noticed a student press the emergency call button and walk away between Mason and Randolph Hall. The officer approached the student and asked if he had an emergency. The student replied, "You guys get here fast." The officer made him go back to the call button and let them know there was no emergency. The officer asked him why he pressed the button and he said that he wanted to know what would happen. The 19-year-old male also smelled of alcohol and confessed to drinking four beers. He was arrested for falsely summoning law enforcement and referred to administration.

Aug. 31—At 12:30 a.m., a student was arrested by the Frederickburg City Police for underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public. She refused to cooperate and college police were called to assist and identify her. She was also referred to administration.

Aug. 31—An incident of petty larceny occurred in Woodard Campus Center between 2 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. A bag of 126 bagels valued at \$33 was taken. The case is under investigation.

Aug. 31—An incident of vandalism occurred in Lee Hall parking lot. An unknown person keyed both sides of a vehicle. The total damage is estimated at \$1,000. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 1—Kerry A. Cerillo, 21, of Virginia Beach was driving the wrong way on a one-way street on Jefferson Circle at 2 a.m. She told police that she did not know it was a one-way street. The officer smelled alcohol, and Cerillo told the officer that she had just come from a party and had fruit punch-like drinks. She was not able to complete a field sobriety test and had a blood alcohol content of .10. She was arrested for drunk in public. She was not charged with driving under the influence due to technical problems at the City Police station.

Sept. 2—At 1:30 a.m., police found an individual sleeping in the parking lot by the Physical Plant area in a truck. The officer asked him why he was sleeping in the truck and he said that he was on his way to Virginia Beach and did not want to buy a hotel room. He was not a student and was issued a trespass warning and released.



Multi-Clawed Cat May be in For a Guinness Book Spot

OAKLAND, Maine—Mooch the cat and his family, the DuVals, are petitioning for a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records. Mooch has 28 claws. Bob and Becky DuVal claim that their cat has more toes than any other cat in the world, reported the Associated Press on Tuesday. According to a radio broadcast Bob DuVal heard, the world record for most toes on a cat currently stands at 27. "Mooch has 28 claws," Becky DuVal said. "He has 28 pads, but two of the pads are partially fused." The yellow cat's big feet are good for more than setting world records in Maine, according to Bob DuVal. "They're good snowshoes," he said.

Jesus, Coffins, Alcohol Sold Online by the Government

Various federal agencies have a new method of getting rid of all those confiscated barrels of concentrated Costa Rican banana juice from Customs. The Bush administration has recently set up a new Internet auction website to encourage online sales for the agencies, reported the Washington Post on Tuesday. The site, www.firstgov.gov/shopping/auctions/auctions.shtml, besides being one of the administration's e-government initiatives, will give federal agencies who sell their surplus goods and various merchandise confiscated by the IRS and other law enforcement agencies a more user-friendly way of getting the word out. "We have sold barges and everything from big-screen TVs to coffins," said Hunter Hoffman, a spokesman for Government Liquidation, which sells surplus items for the Department of Defense. Among the deals on the site are Red Dragon Beer from China, 16,000 cotton doilies, a 50-pound bag of compost for \$1 and a baby Jesus figurine.

16 Years Dead and Still Paying With Credit

PORTE HURON, Mich.—Jackie Turcotte, a 36-year-old woman living in Sanilac County, Mich., was expecting a credit card in the mail. Instead, she received notice that she was dead. The Times Herald reported that when Turcotte called a credit card company to find out why her application had been rejected, she discovered that the Social Security Administration had killed her off in 1986. "I was in awe," she said. While she was dead, Turcotte got married, paid off student loans and filed tax returns. Local Social Security officials promised to fix the error, caused by a typing mistake.

Foster Child Steals Car, Drives 20 Miles

AKRON, Ohio—An 8-year-old foster child stole a pickup and drove over 20 miles to visit his family. The pickup, with the keys inside, was taken from a Chrysler Corporation plant, reported the Associated Press on Tuesday. Debbie Turner was driving down the road when she realized that a truck was going over 80 miles per hour, and she couldn't see the driver. She pursued the vehicle. "At first, I thought it was a drunk driver, and as I got closer, I said, 'Either it's a midget or I'm crazy and that's a little boy,'" Turner said. She finally got the boy to slow down by driving alongside him and cutting him off. The boy told his aunt that he missed his family, and didn't want to be with his foster family anymore. He was taken to the foster-care agency.

Oops! MWC Caught Breaking Law

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rain situation and will call the city before watering the fields. If the field becomes dry enough to be a safety problem, the college will call the city for an exception."

For now, college officials say they are abiding by the water restrictions.

However, on Sept. 4, senior Melissa Kirchner said that she was out jogging the night before and saw field hockey Coach Dana Hall watering the fields.

Hall denied the allegation.

"We have a hose with PCP piping

that has holes in it so that the players can drink," she said. Hall implied that this is probably what Kirchner saw.

If the college is reported again for violating the restrictions, Public Works Director Fawcett said the city is willing to work with the violator if the violation is inadvertent.

"If the person is thumbing his nose at us, we would huddle internally and determine the appropriate response," Fawcett said.

The city's Water Emergency Ordinance says violating water restrictions is a Class Four Misdemeanor. As a punishment, the college could be fined up to \$250 per violation. If the college continues watering illegally, the city could shut down the college's water off.

Joni D. Wilson, director of

Landscaping and Grounds, said the irrigation system at the athletic complex is automatic and was shut off the day after the new restrictions were issued. However, she said that dry ground is a safety concern.

"Without water, the ground becomes dry and hard and the turf is lost," Wilson said. "Without this cushion, a fall on the field is like falling on asphalt."

She added that the hard ground causes shin splints and bad bounces that can cause injury to the players.

Senior Phillip Griffith, who is also a Bullet staff member, said that he is one of the city who reported the college in the first place.

"I think when the drought is this severe the college has no right to use water for grass on the athletic fields, especially when we could so easily run out of water for people," Griffith said. "That's just absurd."

City officials said that to lift the water restrictions, the Rappahannock River must return to at least 40 percent of its normal flow. Prior to the rain on Aug. 22, the river flow was one to two percent of its normal level.

Even with the rain since Aug. 29, Boyer said that the river is not running sufficiently to refill Mots Run Reservoir, which provides

Fredericksburg with most of its water. On Aug. 26, Mots Run was about half full. After the recent rains, it was about up to about 73 percent full.

Wittenmuth said that the college is doing what it can to conserve water. The fountains this year are empty. Groundkeepers followed the city's odd/even watering schedule and kept it to plants and bushes and flowerbeds maintained for esthetic purposes. This scheduled allowed all addresses with even numbers to water plants and bushes on even days and odd addresses on odd days. Also, they said they try to respond quickly to reports of leaky faucets and pipes and commodes that were not functioning correctly.

On Friday Aug. 30, Governor Mark Warner issued Executive Order 33, a Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Extreme Drought Conditions throughout the state, which imposes stricter handling of water statewide. The Executive Order 33, posted on the governor's website orders "all executive branch agencies and institutions to refrain from any nonessential water use" and makes each Cabinet Secretary responsible for agencies and institutions within their jurisdiction reduce water use by 15 percent.

Is A Dead Crow A Symbol Of Death?

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College, a crewmember found the crow in the rose garden adjacent to President William Anderson's home.

"We had communicated to our staff early in the season about West Nile virus, its risks, and signals—like looking for dead birds that may have developed the disease," Wilson said. "To confirm an infection, the CDC needs the birds within 24 hours of death."

The crow was submitted to the Rappahannock Area Health District, where it was found to contain the virus. In a letter to college faculty, staff and students, Bernard Chirico, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, said that this was the eighth positive test discovery found in Fredericksburg this year.

In the letter from Chirico, the college advised for personal and

practical safety on the part of each individual. It also advised individuals to stay indoors at dawn, dusk and early evening.

Students and faculty interviewed said they are not worried about contracting West Nile virus.

"Statistically it's really not that much of an issue," David Ambuel, associate professor of philosophy, said. "West Nile virus is more of a threat to birds than to human beings."

Sophomore Jillian Good agreed.

"I'm really not very worried about it," she said.

To control the West Nile virus the Fredericksburg indigenous mosquito population is carefully researched and monitored by the Rappahannock Area Health District. The Department of Health said that

mosquito collection is done on a routine basis for testing of the virus.

The college, along with local and federal authorities, has issued precautions to the public regarding mosquito bite prevention and has taken action in an effort to protect the community. These measures include eliminating potential mosquito breeding areas, said Ruth Lovelace, Director of Safety and Environmental Health.

According to State Health Department officials, the first Virginia cases were reported within the month of August. The first was on Aug. 15, in Hanover, 50 miles south of Fredericksburg. On Aug. 17 another case was reported in Fairfax. Both men are in the hospital, and in stable condition, the State Health Department said.

Anderson Paints Dismal Picture

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Because the state has a \$1.5 billion deficit, the college may be forced to take a 22 percent cut in its state allotment, losing roughly \$4 million out of the \$16.8 million in state funding.

Because of the seriousness of the cuts, Anderson said the college is attempting to focus on two things: safeguarding the instructional program and the position and salaries of all employees.

"If the state doesn't come across those dollars, soon enough I will ask the Board of Visitors to raise tuition to provide relief for faculty salaries," Anderson said. "We're going to do that. I promise you of that."

While some other state colleges and universities have started laying off employees, Anderson said that Mary Washington College has no plans to do that. However, he added that the cuts may cause "pain for individuals."

Anderson also told faculty to be optimistic, even though economic forecasts are dire through 2006.

"I need you to look at the bright side of things and continue to be optimistic and continue to be encouraged about the future," he said.

Anderson added that if the college must take drastic measures, including laying off people, the policy will affect staff, faculty, and administrators.

"Everybody's going to be treated the same across the board," he said. "This is no Enron Administration at this institution."

Anderson also advocated for the move to university status, issued congratulations to various individuals, praised Governor Mark Warner and joked about the case of West Nile virus found at his house.

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Open Mouth, Insert Foot

President Anderson's State of the College Address made on August 27, 2002, indicated the College's potential change to university status to Longwood University's. Longwood, located in Farmville, Va., became a university on July 1, 2002.

One point Anderson makes is that after speaking to Longwood's president, he learned that their name change led to an "Improved applicant pool, more applicants and applications than before." He also said they saw more diversity in this pool. He indicated this was due to their name change.

First, if this statement is indeed true, then Longwood's claim is based on applicants in the last two months, since the university made their change July 1. If their applicant pool diversified in the last year, then obviously the name change couldn't have had an impact.

In the address, Anderson also says, "We also know that the term university is more appealing to minorities." This statement that Anderson makes about what is appealing to a certain group of people seems to be based on pure assumption. Just because a person comes from a different background, this does not make them any more attracted to a university as opposed to a college. Some minorities don't want to come to Mary Washington College because of the lack of minorities on campus, not because it is just a college.

Until verifiable data is available, it is silly to make generalized statements about how well the College would make the transition to university status.

On The Other Hand...

The attendance of students at the Bond referendum pep rally in Richmond was a great thing to see. It's nice to know some students care what happens to Mary Washington College after their four years here.

If passed, the \$23 million will help out with much needed renovations to many academic halls, and Dodd Auditorium and Klein Theatre. In the face of the recent budget cuts, this is a very positive thing to look forward to in the future if passed November 5.

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Remember All Victims

TERRY L. NORTON

Guest Columnist

As we approach the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, people say, "I'll never forget what I was doing that day."

Some were at home listening to the radio or watching the morning TV programs. Some were on their way to work or already there or in school. Some were gathered with friends to celebrate a birthday or lighthearted event. I for one would like to forget; I was at the Pentagon.

In a matter of seconds, my life was shattered and will never be the same. A part of me died there, ripped from me forever, as surely a casualty as any of the wounded or deceased. Folks now ask me what the anniversary means to me.

All this past year, I have been in therapy for the loss, horror, grief and terror I experienced. I look to the anniversary for closure—memorial services honoring the dead and recognizing the injured in the company of other survivors and witnesses.

For me, I would put to rest that part I lost as well as those I saw die. I hoped to return to the Pentagon to grieve one final and healing time. It was not to be. All memorial services held at the Pentagon are exclusively for families of the deceased. I know how terrible the loss of a loved

one is. I carry no visible scars from that day, but I am scarred. I was ripped open psychologically and a hostage of terrorism dragged out of me and murdered.

It seems now my loss and those of other survivors will not be honored, acknowledged or remembered, a painful and lonely situation. We all need to mourn and find sympathy and support for our personal yet invisible deaths.

If the organizers of any of the memorials at the sites had a clue how important that is, the services would be inclusive, not exclusive.

Now I fear the day and the memories and emotions it will conjure. I don't want to face them alone, but my family is in New England and my obligations here.

Another terrorist attack on September 11 is not a concern. The United States is expecting that. Terrorists know that terror is best served without warning; and that idea

haunts and terrifies me.

I asked some friends, "Do you mind if I come here and hide under a chair that day?" That's what I feel like doing. However, that won't help me heal and is giving in to the fear. I swore a year ago that I would not do that. Easier said than done. Also, if I'm hiding, I won't grieve for the deaths, especially my own.

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The damage to the Pentagon from the plane attack on September 11, 2001.

Letters to the Editor Going Clubbing Speaking Up

Dear Editor:

As I'm sure everyone knows, the Club Carnival is where every club on campus sets up a table for interested students and well, you know the drill. Anyway, this was the second club carnival that I helped with and by far this was a lot more successful than last year's. Something like 130 people signed up for our mailing list as opposed to last year's 60.

Which gets me to the point of this letter. As I'm sure a lot of people saw, last year was a bad year for clubs. Almost every club I know of lost members or saw activity decrease. From cultural organizations such as Asian Student Association (ASA) to political clubs such as the College Republicans, as far as I can tell, many clubs on campus faced member apathy.

Hopefully, this year will be a good year for clubs. I know everyone is busy and I know at times a few of them might seem cheesy or something, but still, get out there and do something.

Join a community service club like Circle K or Rotaclub, get active in Hall Council, join a cultural club like the ASA or Women of Color or even play a few games with the Ultimate Frisbee team. Just do something.

College is what you put into it. These are supposedly the best years of our lives. Don't just let them pass you by.

Dear Editor:

It feels like school just started, and I'm already hearing nervous grumblings about professors' syllabi. It seems that a large and growing number of professors are feeling either the urge or the pressure to include presentations as part of their students' grades.

For some students, this is enough to scare them into dropping the class. For others, especially those who cannot afford to put off their speaking intensive requirement any longer for fear of becoming a fifth (or sixth or seventh) year senior, it only serves as a source of dread as the deadline approaches.

I have been a Speaking Center consultant for three years now. I know that presentations are scary, and I know that—according to Jerry Seinfeld's researchers—some people fear public speaking over death, probably because there's very little possibility of messing up death and much concern over messing up a speech.

However, I also know that anyone can give a good presentation. I've seen miraculous transformations in some students who never thought they could ever get up in front of a camera or a class and speak.

The Speaking Center is a resource just as the library is a resource. Some of us can go for our entire college careers without using the library, and they can certainly do the same with

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FAST FACT:

Famed Chef Wolfgang Puck chose the Italian word "Spago" as the name for his popular chain of restaurants. In Italian, spago means "string" or "twine" which is slang for spaghetti.



Budget's Not Budging

SARA RICHMOND

Guest Columnist

Let's face it: we've all been affected by recent budget cuts here at Mary Washington. Professors are putting syllabi, notes, and articles on Blackboard for us to print. Once upon a time, there were places on campus where you could print for free. No longer.

Many struggle with obtaining articles on reserve, finding that there are not enough copies. Obviously, professors are facing problems with budget cuts. Other areas affected are the administrative offices, which are sending out as little information to prospective students as possible, and faculty positions, many of which are frozen and cannot be filled due to the budget.

As we try to deal with the issues that the budget has caused, we must realize that this is a statewide problem. Mary Washington is NOT the only school suffering. While many want to criticize some of the recent projects the college has begun, we must acknowledge how these projects will enhance the college.

Renovation to Combs needed to happen. We need more academic space and finally, Historic

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Aries - Your next fortune cookie will say
"See? We told you it tastes like chicken!"

Taurus - Soon you will get into
accounting just for the thrill of it.

Gemini - Good time to compliment your
friends. If you can't think of anything else
to say, tell them they're looking "very
buff."

Cancer - You will invent a new type of
bait toy today. It will bring you fame and
fortune.

Leo - You will be granted a religious
experience of startling significance.

Virgo - A tricky situation will arise today,
but you will rise to the challenge and
draw it to a satisfactory conclusion.

Libra - Later this week you'll feel much
like Scarlet O'Hara did when she said
"I'll never be hungry again!"

Scorpio - You'll have a brilliant idea but
no one will take you seriously. You should
be able to win them over with pure logic.

Sagittarius - You know that how you
dress will inevitably send a message to
those around you. In this case, your
message is "Help! Help!"

Capricorn - You will discover a sure-fire
method of fooling people all the time. It
will have something to do with cottage
cheese.

Aquarius - You may be drinking a little
too much coffee lately. That could explain
why everyone else is moving so slowly.

Pisces - You will soon need to look older
than you actually are. Bushy eyebrows
will generally do the trick.

Fast Fact:

The average adult eyeball weighs
about one ounce.

The Dating Game

A History of Dating At Mary Washington

By VIRGINIA ATKINSON

Staff Writer

It was a Sunday afternoon in 1946 when Tom Perkins, a Mary Washington College student under the G.I. Bill, a bill that gave money to WWII veterans to go to college, visited the Virginia Hall parlor to get a visitors card. Men who wanted to date Mary Washington College women had to be approved by the college before they were allowed dating privileges.

"I still remember the day I was tested in front of Mrs. Bushnell," Perkins said. "I had to get on her list in order to date any ladies at Mary Washington, and she was the dean of women, so I had to go to her. I was lucky. When I walked into her office in Virginia, I noticed a coat of arms on the wall, which had the name McClanahan on it. I told Mrs. Bushnell that my great grandmother was a McClanahan, and it turns out that was her maiden name. After that, we hit it off. I knew many guys who were not so lucky."

Fast forward to spring 2002: junior Jen Rainey and senior Nene Wallace, residents of Willard Hall, have been dating for a year.

"We both live in the same dorm, so we can see each other whenever we want. Last Thursday I decided at like three in the morning that wanted to see her, so I just went upstairs and surprised her," Wallace said. "She spends the night in my room every Saturday. It's really easy because she can just change into her pajamas in her room, and doesn't even have to pack a toothbrush or anything."



Juniors Chloe Burgess and Jacob Edwards are one modern MWC couple.

Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Rainey, now a senior at Mary Washington College this fall, and Wallace, a 2002 alumna, are still dating. Rainey is still living in Willard.

Dating at Mary Washington College has changed over the years. Before 1970, the college was all female and strict rules were put in place in order to produce "lady-like graduates."

Over the years, these rules have relaxed. "I would have been imprisoned

for some of the stuff you guys do," said Perkins, who attended MWC from 1946 to 1948.

The author of the MWC rulebook and Bushnell's namesake, Nina Gookin Bushnell was Dean of Women from 1921 to 1950. After WWII veterans under the G.I. Bill were allowed to attend MWC, Perkins, who was a retired resident of Woodbridge, said, "I passed [Bushnell's]

test, but every time I visited a dorm, it was like another test. The housemother monitored the way I dressed and the manner and content of my speech.

"The G.I.s were not allowed to live on campus so I rented a room on the corner of Kenmore," Perkins said. "I can't believe guys and girls live in the same dorm now. We would have loved to live

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Dumpster Diving For Treasure

By Alyssa Best

Special to the Bullet

It's a typical Friday night for senior Juliette Gomez. With only her head peeking out, she stands in a dumpster behind the Old Navy department store, located in Central Park.

"Look, I found some Rugrats calendars in here," she exclaims, proudly displaying her free finds to four other Mary Washington College students, who stand nearby on the ground. Gomez finds herself slowly sinking into the mounds of plastic bags, which no longer support her small frame.

"Patrick, help," she calls out. "My foot is caught in a trash bag and I can't get out!"

Senior Patrick Killingsworth lifts Gomez out of the dumpster and they rummage through other dumpsters behind Borders Bookstore and Shoppers Food Warehouse.

"My plan for dumpster diving was to find some equipment for my camera at Photo Art, which recently closed down," Gomez says. "But they haven't cleaned out the store yet, so we're looking in other dumpsters."

Alumna Gina McGovern and senior Amelia Rose say they are not looking for anything in particular, but participate in the dumpster diving activity because they think it's fun.

After only finding some coffee bean sacks, lying on the curb outside of a restaurant in Central Park, the two students, in a car, pop in a mixed tape of indie rock music, and head to Einstein's Bagels, located across from College Avenue.

In the dumpster behind the store, they come across a huge bag of mixed bagels, which they quickly load into the trunk of Killingsworth's white Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera. After opening the plastic bag, Killingsworth discovers open drink containers mixed in with the bagels.

"I'm sure I'm encountering a lot of germs, but it's not like I'm licking the side of the dumpster. I like to get my hands dirty sometimes."

Juliette Gomez

"The top of the bagels are doused with Spontaneitea," he says about Einstein's tea brand.

"We should sort through the bagels to find the dry ones."

Rose turns her nose away from the overwhelming odor of soggy onion bread and answers, "I don't think I want any bagels anymore."

Is Dumpster Diving Legal in Your Area?

Dumpster diving, or rummaging for items in refuse heaps, appeals to different types of people, whose interests may range from living off of the found trash to supplementing their food and nonfood supply with free items. These college students don't live on trash, but are looking for practical and quirky objects, and also a fun way to socialize with friends. In the state of Virginia, it's also illegal to dumpster dive.

"Some of my friends from home got written up for trespassing or loitering when they were dumpster diving once, but I'm not too worried about getting caught," said Gomez, who has never

encountered the police while dumpster diving. "When we carried away the bagels from Einstein's, I did feel like the burglar from the Cookie Crisis cereal box."

Former Mary Washington College Police Chief Stanley Beger said that dumpster diving is a civil crime, in which a police officer can charge a fine, but there are no court fees involved.

"According to local ordinances, dumpster diving is a health risk and dangerous," he said. "If I see someone in the dumpster, I'm not going to arrest them, I'm just going to think that the person is crazy."

On three sides of the BFI dumpster in the Chandler parking lot, a small sign displays the warning: "Caution:

Do not play or climb in, on or around, or occupy this container for any purpose."

Nicole Nessinger, a Customer Service Manager at the Food Lion located on Courthouse Road in Fredericksburg, said that managers will call the police if they see someone in their dumpster.

"Personally, I have never found someone digging in our dumpster, but if I did, I would first give them a chance to leave the property," she said. "If they didn't leave, or if they left and then came back, I would call the police."

In addition to searching through dumpsters, people also rummage through items that are left on for trash pick-up, which Chief Beger said is not illegal in Virginia.

Dumpster Divers of all Generations

As far as anyone can tell, dumpster diving is not a new cultural phenomenon or one that is limited to a certain age group.

Gomez said that she took a "Dumpster Diving 101" course when she attended the University of Virginia Writer's Camp one summer in high school.

"This straight-faced, narrow-looking girl took us around to all of these dumpsters and was like, 'I've been doing this all my life,'" she said. "All sorts of people dumpster dive that you would never suspect."

Beger said that his uncle used to dumpster dive during the 1940s and 50s.

My uncle grew up during the Depression when people looked for ways to economize," he said. "He used to look for vacuums and take the different parts and make one good vacuum that he could sell. And he was proud of himself. If I saw a decent piece of furniture that could be repaired, I'd pick it up too."

Junior Anne Beverly admitted that her grandmother was also a dumpster diver.

"When I was a child, my grandmother would ask me to help her move office furniture that she found in a nearby dumpster," she recalled. "In her house, there were computer chairs where La-Z-Boys should be."

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The dumpster outside of Einstein Bros. Bagels. A source of entertainment for some students.

Julie Gomez/Bulletin

Takin' The Plunge

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Beverly said that she thinks there is a difference between dumpster diving now and in the past. "I think there is a difference in mentality for older generations," she said. "There used to be a challenge to live as well as you could. Now, we have all of our needs met and we haven't been bred to accept the challenge of living modestly."

Part-time Associate Professor of Sociology Bill Hansson agreed.

"The sociological observation is that we have a rather affluent society and we even have a pretty well-functioning food bank in town, but we still don't manage to feed people very well," said. "Thus, people take to dumpster diving, and for many people, it is a means of survival or of obtaining an appetite comfort. I think college students mainly dumpster dive because they think it's adventurous and it's a leisurely activity that is for one's self," he continued. "But it doesn't seem to me that they are making a social comment on our throwaway society."

Dumpster Diving 101

The Dumpster Lady has a website devoted to dumpster diving and provides helpful hints at <http://members.aol.com/TheDumpsterLady/thedumpsterlady.htm>. She recommends dumpster diving at retail stores, office, and residential dumpsters, as well as grocery stores, bakeries, and health food stores, which she says are the most consistent producers.

You're really going to eat something from a dumpster?

When people dumpster dive for food items, the issue of sanitation arises.

McGowen said she froze the non-soggy bagels that the students found in the dumpster behind Einstein's.

"That bag of bagels lasted me and my roommates for a couple of months," she said. "I'm not opposed to eating things that are wrapped in a plastic bag. However, I don't know if I could bring myself to eat random food out of restaurant dumpsters."

Gomez said she does not mind eating food that she finds wrapped in a bag from a dumpster.

"I'm sure I'm encountering a lot of germs, but it's not like I'm licking the side of the dumpster," she said. "I like to get my hands dirty sometimes."

However, not every dumpster diver feels the urge to eat food finds from dumpsters, even if the items are free.

"I was grossed out by the bagels from Einstein's," Rose said. "I didn't feel like eating stuff from a trash can."

Ailunus Ryan Hamm said that he would never eat anything from a dumpster or look through others' trash.

"I think dumpster diving is nasty and foul because there are cans and possums in dumpsters," he said. "I don't want to walk around in the same kind of stuff that rodents do. I just don't think it's safe and proper to get into dumpsters."

In addition to dumpster diving, some people table dive, or eat the scraps of food left on diners' plates in restaurants.

"If I was really hungry, I think it would be hilarious to table score," Templeton said. "Especially if it's a nice restaurant, chances are you can find some good stuff and people probably won't have diseases. I wouldn't be opposed to eating something that someone has hardly touched, like if someone left their coleslaw all the

way on one side of the plate. But I wouldn't go drink his rest of someone's drink or eat something that was chewed up and spit out."

For some food dumpster divers, their goal is to help cut down on the large amount of food that is wasted each year.

According to a fact sheet that the Food and Nutrition Service section of the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides on their Web site, "A July 1997 USDA study shows the 96 billion pounds — over one quarter — of the 356 billion pounds of food produced for human consumption in this country each year is lost at the retail and food service levels."

The Dumpster Lady writes, "By EPA estimates, we're spending \$4.8 billion a year disposing of that perfectly good food."

Living on "Dumpster Easy Street"

For those who are persistent, dumpster diving can be a lucrative activity.

Gomez, who has been dumpster diving since she was a sophomore in high school, said that over the years she has found magazines, posters, signs, videos, wallpaper, and a wire-rim trash can.

"When we went to Central Park earlier in the semester, we couldn't find anything," she said. "But I'm convinced it's just a matter of time. We should check back at the end of the month when stores throw away most of their stuff."

The Dumpster Lady recommends that divers look every day or almost every day, be persistent, find dumpsters that are consistent providers, and see with "dumpster diver" eyes.

"Don't get discouraged," she advises. "Once you establish some consistent sources, you'll be on Dumpster Easy Street."

The Dumpster Lady adds that people can support themselves almost entirely with dumpster diving.

"If you stick with it, you can find more stuff that you and ten other families can use," she writes. "[My husband and I] have quite a few diver friends who are now selling dumpster dived stuff at flea

markets and other places. We've got moms who can now stay at home because of diving. There are folks who have been able to go back to school because of diving."

But for the four Mary Washington College students, dumpster diving is only a recreational activity.

"I have a very romantic vision of what dumpster diving can be, like that people can live off of stuff that they find in the dumpster," Rose said. "But in practice, although dumpster diving is fun to do on a whim, I don't think it's a viable living option."

McGowen agreed.

"When I went dumpster diving, I was looking more for souvenirs or quirky things, not really anything I could necessarily use," she said. "Dumpster diving is more of a novelty for me, not a way of life. I think it would really suck to have to live off of dumpsters."

Blind Date: Dating Then and Now

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in the dorms, but we wouldn't have ever gone to class!"

"Money was scarce then, and not every man had a tie. We would line up outside Mrs. Bushnell's office in Virginia Hall and a man leaving would pass his tie on to the next man in line," Purkins recalls.

In 1951, Bushnell retired and restrictions on dating eased. The 1951 MWC Battlefield said, "1951 was our year of metamorphosis...a year of breaking new ground and old precedents. Some rules were innovated, others were renovated."

Out such precedent was the beginning of single dating. Until this time, only group dating was allowed.

During the 60s, Gail Farmer, class of 1968, remembers increasing freedoms.

"Women still did not ask men out on dates. We sat and waited for the calls," she said. "We never paid for anything on a date either, but kissing on the first date was more than a regular kiss, nothing heavy."

During the 60s, males were allowed in dorm rooms on Sunday afternoons from 2-5 p.m., but only with the door open. Curfew was 11 p.m. on weeknights and midnight on weekends.

"The school advertised itself as *locaparentis*, in place of parents," Jean Cogswell, a 1968 graduate, said. "We had no rights. They completely controlled everything, but we didn't get upset about it. We didn't know any different because other schools like Longwood and Radford wore that way too."

Cogswell said that various rules were implemented. These included filling out a sign-in card to stay over night, only visiting approved houses, and leaving the phone number of where they would be in case an adult needed to find them. Cogswell said that no one ever knew broke these rules.

"Nobody even thought about staying with guys," she said. "The thought never even crossed my mind because I didn't think it was an option. If I thought I could have gotten away with it, maybe, but we didn't think we could get away with anything so we all did what we were told to do."

In the seventies, hours were extended. Beth Atkinson, class of 1978, remembers being able to stay out until midnight on weekdays and 2 a.m. on weekends for her first three years of college.

"The campus campaigned for 24/7 visitation for several years before it happened," Atkinson said. "My senior year, my dorm voted on 24/7 and was one of the first to approve it. That's different than having an out-of-town boy friend spend the night though," Atkinson said. "When my boyfriends would come to visit from other schools, they weren't allowed to spend the night in my dorm so

they usually got rooms at the Twilight Motel across the street. We were allowed to leave the dorm without signing out, but if we were out past curfew we had to go to security to get a key to get into the dorm. We didn't have our own copies of dorm keys."

Although most girls dated boys from other colleges, this did not stop the

Fredericksburg locals from trying to get a date.

"Where campus walk is now, used to be a paved

road that townies drove through trolling for girls

and driving VW vans that they'd try to get girls into and use as mini motels," Atkinson said.

Frat boys from other colleges drove down the main street in campus looking for dates as well. In an article written in "Blue Tide," Mary Washington College alumni, Carol Orlando, class of 1977, remembers frat boys coming from other schools to get Mary Washington College girls for their parties.

"Frats would drive a U-Haul with no seats or lights, everyone packed in like livestock. I guess it worked out all right because I never heard any complaints about these cattle calls."

Current Mary Washington College student have restricted visitation privileges first semester their freshman year. Each student has his or her own key to the dorm, so there is no need to come home by a certain time. Students sit in cars and talk with their dates, and skip as many meals at Seacobeck as they like.

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Aries - Your next fortune cookie will say
"See? We told you it tastes like chicken!"

Taurus - Soon you will get into
accounting just for the thrill of it.

Gemini - Good time to compliment your
friends. If you can't think of anything else
to say, tell them they're looking "very
buff."

Cancer - You will invent a new type of
bat toy today. It will bring you fame and
fortune.

Leo - You will be granted a religious
experience of starting significance.

Virgo - A tricky situation will arise today,
but you will rise to the challenge and
draw it to a satisfactory conclusion.

Libra - Later this week you'll feel much
like Scarlet O'Hara did when she said
"I'll never be hungry again!"

Scorpio - You'll have a brilliant idea but
no one will take you seriously. You should
be able to win them over with pure logic.

Sagittarius - You know that how you
dress will inevitably send a message to
those around you. In this case, your
message is "Help! Help!"

Capricorn - You will discover a sun-fire
method of fooling people all the time. It
will have something to do with cottage
cheese.

Aquarius - You may be drinking a little
too much coffee lately. That could explain
why everyone else is moving so slowly.

Pisces - You will soon need to look older
than you actually are. Bushy eyebrows
will generally do the trick.

Fast Fact:

The average adult eyeball weighs
about one ounce.

The Dating Game

A History of Dating At Mary Washington

By VIRGINIA ATKINSON

Staff Writer

It was a Sunday afternoon in 1946 when Tom Purkins, a Mary Washington College student under the G.I. Bill, a bill that gave money to WWII veterans to go to college, visited the Virginia Hall parlor to get a visitors card. Men who wanted to date Mary Washington College women had to be approved by the college before they were allowed dating privileges.

"I still remember the day I was tested in front of Mrs. Bushnell," Purkins said. "I had to get on her list in order to date any ladies at Mary Washington, and she was the dean of women, so I had to go to her. I was lucky. When I walked into her office in Virginia, I noticed a coat of arms on the wall, which had the name McLanahan on it. I told Mrs. Bushnell that my great grandmother was a McLanahan, and it turns out that was her maiden name. After that, we hit it off. I knew many guys who were not so lucky."

Fast forward to spring 2002: junior Jen Rainey and senior Nene Wallace, residents of Willard Hall, have been dating for a year.

"We both live in the same dorm, so we can see each other whenever we want. Last Thursday I decided I liked three in the morning that I wanted to see her, so I just went upstairs and surprised her," Wallace said. "She spends the night in my room every Saturday. It's really easy because she can just change into her pajamas in her room, and doesn't even have to pack a toothbrush or anything."

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Juniors Chloe Burgess and Jacob Edwards are one modern MWC couple.

Rainey, now a senior at Mary Washington College this fall, and Wallace, a 2002 alumna, are still dating. Rainey is still living in Willard.

Dating at Mary Washington College has changed over the years. Before 1970, the college was all female and strict rules were put in place in order to produce "lady-like graduates."

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for some of the stuff you guys do," said Purkins, who attended MWC from 1946 to 1948.

The author of the MWC rulebook and Bushnell Hall's namesake, Nina Gookin Bushnell was Dean of Women from 1921 to 1950. After WWII veterans under the G.I. Bill were allowed to attend MWC, Purkins, now a retired resident of Woodbridge, said, "I passed [Bushnell's]

test, but every time I visited a dorm, it was like another test. The housemother monitored the way I dressed and the manner and content of my speech.

"The G.I.s were not allowed to live on campus so I rented a room on the corner of Kenmore," Purkins said. "I can't believe guys and girls live in the same dorm now. We would have loved to live

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Dumpster Diving For Treasure

By Alyssa Best

Special to the Bullet

It's a typical Friday night for senior Juliette Gomez. With only her head peeking out, she stands in a dumpster behind the Old Navy department store, located in Central Park.

"Look, I found some Ruggs calendars in here," she exclaims, proudly displaying her free finds to four other Mary Washington College students, who stand nearby on the ground. Gomez finds herself slowly sinking into the mounds of plastic bags, which no longer support her small frame.

"Patrick, help," she calls out. "My foot is caught in a trash bag and I can't get out!"

Senior Patrick Killingsworth lifts Gomez out of the dumpster and they rummage through other dumpsters behind Borders Bookstore and Shoppers Food Warehouse.

"My plan for dumpster diving was to find some equipment for my camera at Photo Art, which recently closed down," Gomez says. "But they haven't cleaned out the store yet, so we're looking in other dumpsters."

Alumna Gina McGovern and senior Amelia Rose say they are not looking for anything in particular, but participate in the dumpster diving activity because they think it's fun.

After only finding some coffee bean sacks, lying on the curb outside of a restaurant in Central Park, the students get the car, pop in a mixed tape of indie rock music, and head to Einstein's Bagels, located across from College Avenue.

In the dumpster behind the store, they come across a huge bag of mixed bagels, which they quickly load into the trunk of Killingsworth's white Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera. After opening the plastic bag, Killingsworth discovers open drink containers mixed in with the bagels.

"I'm sure I'm encountering a lot of germs, but it's not like I'm licking the side of the dumpster. I like to get my hands dirty sometimes."

Juliette Gomez

"The top of the bagels are doused with Spontaneita," he says about Einstein's tea brand.

"We should sort through the bagels to find the dry ones."

Rose turns her nose away from the overwhelming odor of soggy onion bread and answers, "I don't think I want any bagels anymore."

Is Dumpster Diving Legal in Your Area?

Dumpster diving, or rummaging for items in refuse heaps, appeals to different types of people, whose interests may range from living off the found trash to supplementing their food and nonfood supply with items. These college students don't live on trash, but are looking for practical and quirky objects, and also a fun way to socialize with friends. In the state of Virginia, it's also illegal to dumpster dive.

"Some of my friends from home got written up for trespassing or loitering when they were dumpster diving once, but I'm not too worried about getting caught," said Gomez, who has never

encountered the police while dumpster diving. "When we carried away the bagels from Einstein's, I did feel like the burglar from the Cookie Crisp cereal box."

Former Mary Washington College Police Chief Stanley Beger said dumpster diving is a civil crime, which a police officer can charge a fine, but there are no court fees involved.

"According to local ordinances, dumpster diving is a health risk and dangerous," he said. "If I see someone in the dumpster, I'm not going to arrest them, I'm just going to think that the person is crazy."

On three sides of the BFI dumpster in the Chandler parking lot, a small sign displays the warning: "Caution.

Do not play or climb in, on or around, or occupy this container for any purpose."

Nicole Nessimger, a Customer Service Manager at the Food Lion located on Courthouse Road in Fredericksburg, said that managers will call the police if they see someone in their dumpster.

"Personally, I have never found someone digging in our dumpster, but if I did, I would first give them a chance to leave the property," she said. "If they didn't leave, or if they left and then came back, I would call the police."

In addition to searching through dumpsters, people also rummage through items that are left on curbs for trash pick-up, which Chief Beger said is not illegal in Virginia.

Dumpster Divers of all Generations

As far as anyone can tell, dumpster diving is not a new cultural phenomenon or one that is limited to a certain age group.

Gomez said that she took a "Dumpster Diving 101" course when she attended the University of Virginia Writer's Camp one summer in high school.

"This straight-faced, narrow-looking girl took us around to all of these dumpsters and was like, 'I've been doing this all my life,'" she said. "All sorts of people dumpster dive that you would never suspect."

Beger said that his uncle used to dumpster dive during the 1940s and 50s.

My uncle grew up during the Depression when people looked for ways to economize," he said. "He used to look for vacuums and take the different parts and make one good vacuum that he could sell. And he was proud of himself. If I saw a decent piece of furniture that could be repaired, I'd pick it up too."

Junior Anne Beverly admitted that her grandmother was also a dumpster diver.

"When I was a child, my grandmother would ask me to help her move office furniture that she found in a nearby dumpster," she recalled. "In her house, there were computer chairs where La-Z-Boys should be."

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Cross Country Preview

Women's

Last year the Mary Washington College women's cross country team won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship for the third consecutive year.

"It may prove to be a more difficult task this year with the loss of junior Caitlin Kincaid, who broke her leg Sunday. One of the top runners for the women's team, Kincaid is expected to be out for the rest of the fall but hopes to return in the spring for the beginning of the track season.

However, with only two runners graduating last spring, the women's team has made the addition of five incoming freshman girls fall to help strengthen the team.

"We have a very good chance to send the whole team to nationals because we have very strong incoming freshman this year," sophomore Erin Connolly said.

As for the men's team, which won the CAC title last fall and placed sixth at the

"We are ready to start our season as strongly as we finished last year."

Graeme Joeck

Saturday, September 7, both teams are looking forward to use this race as a training experience for the rest of the fall.

"We are eager to have an opportunity to race against top Division I schools while we get ready to try and dominate the region," Joeck said.

Mary Washington College has the privilege this year of hosting the Cross Country South/Southeast Regionals for Division III schools this year. They will be held on Nov. 16.

Sports Wire

compiled by Liz Keller

Bobby Knight to Pay

Always animated hoops coach Bobby Knight will pay \$25,000 to former assistant Ron Felling after signing an agreement on Friday in which he admitted to shoving Felling in anger. Knight was also accused to choking a former player in 1997, which was caught on videotape.

Williams Stalker Arrested

Albrecht Stromeyer of Germany was arrested Saturday on three misdemeanor counts of stalking after he watched Serena Williams, the world's top women's tennis player, practice at the U.S. Open. Serena's father, Richard Williams, has since threatened to kill Stromeyer if he harms his 20-year-old daughter.

NFL Kicks Off Thursday

The NFL will kick off its regular season on Thursday night when the San Francisco 49ers visit the New York Giants in the Meadowlands. This is the first time that the league has opened with a weekday game before the traditional Sunday start.

Field Hockey Starts Season with Victory

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going to start; it was a surprise. However, Sam Shallowitz has been good competition for me and we are always pushing each other at practice," Lankford said.

"There is pressure, but I don't let it bother me. Everyone has been real supportive and with the defensive players we have I know they have my back and they know I have their back. I do need to get more experience and comfort in the defense, but it is developing more and more each day," Lankford said.

The Eagles defense showed signs of greatness Saturday as All-Region defender Chrissy Soper and Joanna Duggan each had remarkable saves and showed that indeed they did have Lankford's back at goal, as they recorded their first shutout of the year.

The Lady Eagles offense's biggest challenge will be to find players who can score points to make up for the loss of Morris who was quite possibly the most prolific scorer in Mary Washington history. All-CAC forwards Shannon Nobile and Adrienne Trombley will look to fill the crater

like void of Morris in the forwards. While midfielder Shelly Sabo is looking to become a vital part of the offense and managed to score the only two goals of the game from the midfield position against Washington College.

The Eagles will look to compensate the loss of Morris with overall team speed, Shannon Nobile said. "Our offense is fast. We have a lot of speed all around, and speed will be the key and strength of our offense this year. If the forwards can get shots off then we will be real successful this year."

Hall agreed, "This is the fastest group I've ever had. Finishing our plays is the focus this year, whether that is putting the ball in the goal or making sure we get the stop on defense."

"Our motto this season is possession with attitude," Hall said.

The Eagles will need all the speed and attitude they can muster up if they are to surpass last year's mark of 15-5 and progress further in the NCAA Tournament. They are off to a 1-0 start with a 2-0 win against Washington College.

Eagles Headed For Another Strong Season

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forward, also hopes the team will do well again this year.

"I think we have a good chance of winning the CAC and going farther in the tournament than last year. So far we've played really hard and with a lot of heart and that will take us far," she said.

Overall, the team is looking forward to another good season.

"I am looking forward to winning this year. The girls are all talented and we just have a great group of women. I think it will be a good and exciting year," Fulco said.

The Eagles will battle in their first conference match of the season when they travel to Marymount University on Wednesday.

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The Eagles return a majority of their players from last year and are looking to better their record and performance in the NCAA Tournament. They return their entire midfield and the majority of their forwards and defensive players.

However, they will have to find players to fill the Shaquelle O'Neal-like shoes of two-time All-American Jessica Morris, who rewrote the record book for scoring in every category at Mary Washington College. They will also have to replace All-American defender Christine Ballance and goalie Meredith MacDonald.

Last season the women's field

hockey team ended a long drought of post season mediocrity. The Eagles recorded their best record in almost a decade.

They were consistently ranked in the top ten in the country and ended Salisbury State's 45-game Capital Athletic Conference win streak. Furthermore, they went 15-5, had two All-American players and made their first appearance at the NCAA Tournament since 1995, but lost a heartbreaker in double overtime to St. Lawrence in the Regional Semifinals.

While coach Diana Hall was concerned about their team's losses to graduation she remained confident in her team's talent and ability this season. Hall said, "We do have a big gap to fill, and you always miss players. Jessica set every record you

can set in scoring, but we have a lot of the same players from last year and a lot of new players that will eventually start to get involved in things more."

The Eagles will look to freshmen Robyn Lankford to step in at goalie. Lankford had 6 saves and a shutout in the Lady Eagles first game against Washington College on Sat.

Hall immediately liked what she saw in Lankford.

"I don't look at classes; the best person plays and she has a physical presence on the field," she said. "Robyn just exudes confidence. She is our first line of defense. I like her attack style of play and it fits with the new formation we are playing this year."

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Women's Soccer: Young, but Optimistic

By LIZ KELLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After winning their ninth conference title in the past 11 years last season, the 2002 Mary Washington College women's soccer team has high hopes of securing another Capital Athletic Conference championship this year.

Mary Washington College's season opener in the Gettysburg College Tournament last Friday ended in a 1-2 loss against Gettysburg College. In their next game, the Eagles played another tough defensive match, tying sixth-ranked William Smith College, 1-1, after two overtimes.

Although the team is young, head coach Kurt Glaser doesn't feel that his players are at a disadvantage.

"We are so young, we have only one senior on the team. So we are emotionally inexperienced, but we have some talent and we are pretty quick," Glaser said. "There is learning anytime you have a young team, but I think if it all comes together we have a chance to make a run at the conference title."

Players also think that they will go far despite having such a young team.

"We have a young team and we have

a long way to go, but there is a lot of talent on the team and we are all hard workers. In our first two games, we lost and tied, in that order, so we are definitely improving," sophomore goalkeeper Mary Elizabeth Fulco said.

Jocelyn Walker, a junior forward for the Eagles agreed that working hard as a team will help them improve.

"We have strong freshmen on the team as well as returning players. We worked well as a team [in our past two games] and I think that will carry us far," she said.

Last year, the Eagles advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, finishing their season with a 15-3-3 record. This year, the team hopes to improve on that record.

"I hope our team finishes similar to last year's team. I would like to win the conference again, but also go farther than Regionals in the NCAA Tournament. We are looking pretty strong right now and if we continue to improve I think we are definitely a national caliber team," junior defender Rachel Vacearo said.

Kathryn Amirkashai, a sophomore

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Junior Lauren Eisold.

Fast Fact:

The average person spends two weeks of their life kissing.

Volleyball Caught on CAC Hit List'

By TOM BORAK
Staff Writer

It's that time again. The start of a new school year means the start of another fall sports season.

It has been a long off-season for the Mary Washington College women's volleyball team. Coming off a 2001 season highlighted by Coach Dee Conway's 300th career victory and a fifth place seeding in the CAC tournament, the Lady Eagles have raised the bar, and their expectations, for 2002. With their loss in the 2001 CAC championship match still fresh in mind, they have retooled and set their sights even higher: the NCAA tournament.

This year's team has some big shoes to fill. The team lost great talent and leadership to the graduation of Kathy Goehemour, Kristin Schairle and all-conference hitter Monica Bintz, but the team doesn't feel significantly weaker by the losses.

"It will take a lot of work, but our front line can be just as successful as we were," middle hitter Kristin Marion said. Conway agreed.

"We have been weakened only in the sense that we lost some great athletes and people in general. I don't believe we are weaker, in fact I believe we will be stronger as the season progresses," she said.

These statements are a reflection of the strong team chemistry present in this Eagle squad.

"I feel that the girls get along well off the court which helps us during practice and on the court," Conway said.

Marion agreed.

"Each one of us brings something unique to the court, and everyone else realizes that you have something to offer," she said.

Among those who will be expected to fill the void left by the departed veterans is senior Sarah Libby and juniors Lauren Eigel and Beth Barker. In addition to the remaining core of this Eagle team, four freshmen have been thrown into the mix. Conway is extremely happy with the effort and enthusiasm of her rookies.

"We have a freshman setter, Sarah Blem, who at this point is backed up by another freshman, Nicole Berry. We will rely on both young ladies to run the offense," Conway said.

All four girls will add even more depth to an already talented team.

The Eagles have a tough schedule this season including matches against Goucher, York, Gallaudet, and Salisbury. The biggest challenge, however, will be perennial powerhouse and reigning CAC champion, Catholic University.

Conway predicts that after Catholic, it will be a very evenly matched conference. "From top to bottom CAC volleyball may be one of the top conferences in the nation. Every match will be tough. We are looking forward to this challenge," she said.

When asked if the Eagles' finish in 2001 might put them at the top of some teams' "hit list," Conway replied, "We're always at the top of the CAC 'hit list.' I'm proud of that. It indicates respect."

There is no doubt that these ladies will command the respect of their opponents as the season progresses. This team packs a punch and is prepared to stand their ground in the CAC with the ultimate goal of earning a berth in the NCAA tournament.

The last time MWC volleyball reached the NCAA tournament was 1991. This team knows they have the potential to return and succeed on that level. Get ready Mary Washington, we have a winner.

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Cross Country Preview

By BECKY CAPELLE

Staff Writer

Last year the Mary Washington College women's cross country team won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship for the third consecutive year.

It may prove to be a more difficult task this year with the loss of junior Caitlin Kincaid, who broke her leg Sunday. One of the top runners for the women's team, Kincaid is expected to be out for the rest of the fall but hopes to return in the spring for the beginning of the track season.

However, with only two runners graduating last spring, the women's team has had the addition of five incoming freshman this fall to help strengthen the team.

"We have a very good chance to send the whole team to nationals because we have very strong incoming freshman this year," sophomore Erin Connally said.

As for the men's team, which won the CAC title last fall and placed sixth at the

NCAA regionals, they have high expectations for this season.

"We are ready to start our season as strongly as we finished last year," sophomore Graeme Joeck said.

With their first race coming up at the Shepherd College Invitational in West Virginia on

Saturday, September 7, both teams are looking forward to use this race as a training experience for the rest of the fall.

"We are eager to have an opportunity to race against top Division I schools while we get ready to try and dominate the region," Joeck said.

Mary Washington College has the privilege this year of hosting the Cross Country South/Southeast Regionals for Division III schools this year. They will be held on Nov. 16.

Sports Wire

compiled by Liz Keller

Bobby Knight to Pay

Always animated hoops coach Bobby Knight will pay \$25,000 to former assistant Ron Felling after signing an agreement on Friday in which he admitted to shoving Felling in anger. Knight was also accused to choking a former player in 1997, which was caught on videotape.

Williams Stalker Arrested

Albrecht Stromeyer of Germany was arrested Saturday on three misdemeanor counts of stalking after he watched Serena Williams, the world's top women's tennis player, practice at the U.S. Open. Serena's father, Richard Williams, has since threatened to kill Stromeyer if he harms his 20-year-old daughter.

NFL Kicks Off Thursday

The NFL will kick off its regular season on Thursday night when the San Francisco 49ers visit the New York Giants in the Meadowlands. This is the first time that the league has opened with a weekday game before the traditional Sunday start.

Field Hockey Starts Season with Victory

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going to start; it was a surprise. However, Sara Shalowitz has been good competition for me and we are always pushing each other at practice," Lankford said.

"There is pressure, but I don't let it bother me. Everyone has been real supportive and with the defensive players we have I know they have my back and they know I have their back. I do need to get more experience and comfort in the defense, but it is developing more and more each day," Lankford said.

The Eagles defense showed signs of greatness Saturday as All-Region defender Chrissy Soper and Joanna Duggan each had remarkable saves and showed that indeed they did have Lankford's back at goal, as they recorded their first shutout of the year.

The Lady Eagles offense's biggest challenge will be to find players who can score points to make up for the loss of Morris who was quite possibly the most prolific scorer in Mary Washington history. All-CAC forward Shannon Nobile and Adrienne Trombley will look to fill the crater

like void of Morris in the forwards. While midfielder Shelly Sabo is looking to be a vital part of the offense and managed to score the only two goals of the game from the midfield position against Washington College.

The Eagles will look to compensate the loss of Morris with overall speed. Shannon Nobile said, "Our offense is fast. We have a lot of speed all around, and speed will be the key and strength of our offense this year. If the forwards can get shots off then we will be real successful this year."

Hall agreed, "This is the fastest group I've ever had. Finishing our plays is the focus this year, whether that is putting the ball in the goal or making sure we get the stop on defense."

"Our motto this season is possession with attitude," Hall said.

The Eagles will need all the speed and attitude they can muster if they are to surpass last year's mark of 15-5 and progress further in the NCAA Tournament. They are off to a 1-0 start with a 2-0 win against Washington College.

Eagles Headed For Another Strong Season

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forward, also hopes the team will do well again this year.

"I think we have a good chance of winning the CAC and going farther in the tournament than last year. So far we've played really hard and with a lot of heart and that will take us far," she said.

Overall, the team is looking forward to another good season.

"I am looking forward to winning this year. The girls are all talented and we just have a great group of women. I think it will be a good and exciting year," Fulco said.

The Eagles will battle in their first conference match of the season when they travel to Marymount University on Wednesday.

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coming attractions

▼ Thurs., Sept. 5:
Art Gallery Opening.
"Egg Tempera: An Enduring Tradition." 5-7 p.m. in Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Free.

▼ Thurs., Sept. 5:
Psi U's Back to School Toga Party. Houston's. 9 p.m. Call x3621 for details. \$5.

▼ Fri., Sept. 6:
Schatzi concert. "Fall into Fridays" at the Underground. 9 p.m.-12 a.m. \$Free with ID.

top ten movies

1. Signs
2. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
3. XXX
4. Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams
5. FearDotCom
6. Austin Powers in Goldmember
7. Blue Crush
8. Serving Sara
9. The Good Girl
10. One Hour Photo

Opening This Weekend:
"City By the Sea" with Robert De Niro, and "Swimfan" with Jessie Bradford and Erika Christensen.

source: www.imdb.com

Quote of the Week

"I like Mass better in Latin. It's nicer when you don't know what they're saying."

-Elsie,
"While You Were Sleeping"



Schatzi is known for their high energy stage shows.

photo courtesy of www.schatzi.net

Schatzi Shakes It Up

By DEVIN WAIS
Assistant Scene Editor

Schatzi, an Austin, TX based pop-rock-emo quartet, will perform at the Underground this Friday, Sept. 6 as part of Mary Washington's "Fall into Friday" program.

"[Schatzi bassist Marc Fort] was always interested in playing here so I thought this would be a good opportunity," Merideth Munoz said, a manager at the Underground. "I also thought that their music would appeal to a lot of the students. It's upbeat, catchy, and fun to sing along to."

Schatzi has been popular with music critics since their EP Death of the Alphabet was released in 2000. In 2002, Mammoth Records released the band's second full-length CD, Fifty Reasons to Explode, in 2002. Fifty Reasons was also a hit and helped Schatzi break into the mainstream music scene.

Schatzi's sound has been classified from sugary-sweet pop to toe-tapping and even head banging rock. Their more popular single, "Death of the Alphabet," combines an indie rock sound with a classic rock influence that leaves the listener humming the song long after its over.

With their poignant lyrics and well-crafted harmonies, Schatzi has been compared to bands such as the Get Up Kids and Weezer. Chris Kyle, singer/guitarist, doesn't appear to mind the association.

"There's just a lot of really great pop bands that are coming out right now, and I just want to be another

band that provides something besides negative, angry music," Kyle said. "When it comes down to it, we're a pop band."

After touring with the Get Up Kids, Jimmy Eat World, At The Drive-In, and Ultimate Fakeweb, Schatzi is eager to tour the East Coast again.

"If you see us live, it's a little bit different experience than listening to it in your car or something like that. We just want to play as much as we can," Kyle said. "We do music because that's what we do. We've been doing it for years without anything. We just want to play a ton of shows."

Munoz believes that the Schatzi show will be a great way to start the year at the Underground.

"I think the whole staff is excited to kick off the year with an awesome show," she said. "I wanted to book a band that perhaps the Underground would not normally be able to book due to our budget."

Last year, Munoz applied for and received a \$1000 OSACS grant. The grant was spent on the Schatzi show, but Munoz believes that it will be a good investment.

"I expect a good turn out," she said. "We usually have people from outside of the school come to our shows because we advertise on pheer.com, a site that lists shows in Washington DC, Virginia, and Maryland."

The show will be from 9pm-12am in the Underground. It is free with a valid Mary Washington ID and \$2 for all others 18 and up.

"The Diviners" To Enlighten Audiences

By JESSICA GOON
Staff Writer

Anxiety, anticipation, nerves. Any one who has waited a test grade or tried out for a sports team has experienced these feelings. About 50 students from Mary Washington College felt this way Friday, August 30, when the Dept. of Theater and Dance put up the cast list for their first production of the semester.

Auditions were Aug. 26 and Aug. 27 in duPont Hall and callbacks were held Aug. 28. The group of 50 students was down to a cast of just six men and five women. These eleven cast members will rehearse every day from Aug. 30 to opening night on Sept. 19.

"The Diviners," by Jim Leonard, Jr., is about C.C. Showers, an out-of-work and disillusioned preacher drifts into Zion searching for work when he happens to stumble upon young Buddy Layman and his family, father Ferris and sister Jennie Mac. Buddy is a deeply disturbed, yet gifted young boy who is deathly afraid of water.

C.C. Showers and Buddy Layman forge an uncommon friendship in a cautionary fable about good people with good intentions who do bad things.

"It is also about searching for peace, and finding your own miracle," Director Michael Joyce said.

The cast includes freshman Owen Allen as Basil Bennet, sophomore Carolyn Myers as Luella Bennett, sophomore Curry Flatt as Darlene Henshaw, senior Katherine Stephens as Norma Henshaw, freshman John Gaines as Buddy Layman, freshman Zack Baber as Ferris Layman, freshman Tori Miller as Jennie Mac Layman, sophomore Brandon Redden as Dewey Maples, junior Michael C. Plummer as C.C. Showers, freshman Brittany Shankle as Goldie Short, and freshman Dimitri Saloniakos as Melvin Wilder.

"We have a couple of veterans and a few new freshmen with great talent and the mix of the cast is going to be really good, they will all learn a lot from each other," senior and stage manager Julie Valeyo said.

Why "The Diviners?" The faculty and student representatives of the theatre department got together to brainstorm through a list of plays they could possibly perform. They first think of the student audience and the variety of shows they can offer to the campus and community.

"We try to think about what we have recently produced and what we plan to do in the future. That way if you come in as a freshman you would get various forms of theatre in your four years at Mary Washington," Joyce said.

Typically plays have more male roles than female roles, which can be a problem for Mary Washington College's predominantly female student body. The theatre department strives to produce plays with good solid women's roles that focus on women's issues and themes.

"It is a very heartfelt show and I think the MWC students will really enjoy it," Valeyo said.

Others involved in the production are Kevin McCluskey who is the costume designer, David Hunt who is the lighting designer, Julie Hodge who is the scenic designer, and alumnus Monica

FAST FACT:

Each of the members of the Beatles has an asteroid named after them. An Arizona research lab named them in the mid-1980's.

Country In Connecticut

By AMANDA-KATE JACOBS
Scene Editor

It's another steamy day as I drive to work, zooming in between cars trying to beat the clock. The glow of brake lights ahead of me gets closer and closer, and soon I might as well put my car in park because I'm obviously not going anywhere for awhile.

I begin to utter a variety of curse words as I fiddle with the seek button on my car stereo. I pass the rap stations, the pop, the classic and then finally, I find it.

"I had a barbecue stain on my white tee shirt, she was killing me in that mini skirt," the voice of Tim McGraw suddenly fills my little Mitsubishi with southern twang. I find myself singing along, remembering so many times my friends and I have sang this song, and how for the longest time, I thought the title of it really was "Barbecue Stain."

I notice that people are starting to glance over at me through their windows and watch me. And it's not because I'm singing along and dancing in my seat, it's what I'm dancing and singing along to that causes their curiosity. I'm sitting on I-95 all right, but not right outside Central Park. I'm in the middle of Connecticut, my home state, and I have managed to find the only country radio station in the tri-state area. And I'm lovin' it.

I never listened to country music before I came to Mary Washington. The only country song I was even remotely familiar with was the early nineties hit, "My Achy Breaky Heart." Sure, I had heard of the big names in country music, but basically I thought all country music was simply a tribute to trailer parks, dogs and big bosomed women, of which I have nothing in common.

Freshman year was my big introduction to the genre. Browsing through a roommate's CD collection, I remember thinking, "Sweet Jesus, what have I gotten myself into?"

Men with too tight white tee shirts and cowboy hats on every corner usually along side of a well endowed woman and a pick up truck. The female artists didn't appear to have much of a leg up on the men either. They sang songs with titles like "Did I Shave My Legs For This?" and "Cowboy Take Me Away." I convinced myself that all the women sang about trying to win back their two-timing, heartbreaking, blue collar lovers. Lord only knows what the guys were singing about.

Just like Seacostchen, country music was unavoidable at Mary Wash. It threw me off when I was at a party and suddenly the music went from

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What Advice Would You Give to the Freshmen?



"Film Studies, Geography And Civilization, Film Studies, Philosophy"

- Erica Chapman, senior



"Do as well as you can in the easy classes while you have them."

- Paul Cook, junior



"If you get a chance to move off campus - do it!"

- Melissa Anderson, senior



"Don't show up at parties in packs of 20."

- Marc Salotti, senior



"You need 31 pairs of underwear so you only have to do laundry once a month."

- Tom Jordan, senior

A Little Country Never Hurt Nobody

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the typical bass blaring rap, to a country tune that everyone seemed to know the words to but me. Not wanting to be left out, I braced myself and allowed one of my roommates to teach me in the art of country music appreciation.

The first country song I came to love was "Goodbye Earl" by the Dixie Chicks. These women weren't just pinning away, letting some punk push them around, they were definitely kicking ass and taking names. I liked it a lot.

I returned home for Christmas break, alone with my first semester of college. My northern friends, who had stuck to schools in very anti country music cities, such as Boston, were relieved to find out I had not become a southern debauch nor had dropped out of school and was now barefoot and pregnant by a tobacco farmer. However, that might have been more manageable.



While driving around, doing some Christmas shopping with my best friend, Erika, I popped in a mix CD that a friend had burned for me. I started to sing along, belting out how much I wanted to talk about me with so much passion, Toby Keith would have been jealous. I worked my way through that song, and moved onto "Little Good-Byes" with my girls, SheDaisy, and finished with an earth shattering rendition of "Wrapped Up In You," by the country god, Garth Brooks.

Catching my breath, I looked over at Erika, only to find her staring at me with a look of sheer disbelief. "What on God's green earth happened to you?" she asked me repeatedly as I tried to defend my love for country folks. I played Tim McGraw's "My Best Friend" thinking its sweet lyrics would win her over, but she only responded with, "I'd kill myself if you ever ask me to sing that at your wedding."

In a weird way, I like the fact that country music is all mine when I'm up north. My friends may not understand, but they shake their head and tell anyone who asks what I'm singing that I go to school "down south." Each song I know and like has its own memory of not only its introduction to me, but also of the person who convinced me to give it a shot. Most country songs have lyrics that talk about friends, love and relationships, so maybe it's only appropriate that they remind me of everything that I love at school, whether it's a person, a place or just a really good day, those country songs are my little musical memories.

Back on 95, I roll down my windows and sing even louder, determined to give my fellow drivers a half way decent concert. I looked over at a young man in an SUV, winked and sang the last line of the song with feeling - "Oh no, a heart don't forget something like that."

Little Giants

By WORTH STOKES

Staff Writer

This year student-run entertainment committee Giant Productions promises another exciting year of events and introduces a new sub-committee responsible for obtaining student input and feedback.

According to senior chairperson Rob Brown, a senior at MWC, the campus can look forward to featured bands like Carbon Leaf, the Lloyd Dobler Effect, and Virginia Coalition, a rock band scheduled to headline at Rocktoberfest, Oct. 2.

"It's not definite yet, but I want to try to get Lewis Black, who's on the Daily Show and Comedy Central," Brown said.

Brown also said that Mission Improbable, an improvisational comedy troupe hailing from Boston, is scheduled to perform Sept. 21 for Parents Weekend.

Some students say they would like to have a better variety of music presentations, but Brown said there are limitations that some might not consider when requesting certain performers.

"Because of budget cuts, it's hard to get big bands, and venue constraints are a really big deal," Brown said.

According to Brown, the 2002-03 budget for Giant decreased by 25 percent, bringing it down to about \$80,000.

Junior Connor Peterson doesn't think there is a good range of musical events offered but admits enthusiasm when someone mentions last semester's performance from the Roots.

"They don't bring a wide variety of music to campus, really, but I think it's really sweet they got the Roots last year," Peterson said.

Senior and Underground Manager Patrick Killingsworth said that Giant does not book the kinds of bands he regularly listens to, so he provides his own entertainment through managing the MWC Underground, an on-campus coffeehouse that stays open during the week for studying and provides space for weekend events.

"I can't expect it (Giant) to have events that would appeal to me, because the music that I listen to is...yeah, I book my own entertainment," Killingsworth said.

Killingsworth said he really supports Giant's efforts to solicit student input and would like to see Outcast or Supergrass come to MWC.

Senior Trish Daugherty is the chair Giant's new marketing subcommittee and looks forward to talking with students about what kind of acts they'd like to see at MWC in the future. However, Daugherty says everyone needs to be reasonable with their requests.

"It's really great to get input, and I'm very excited about the year, but students have to be realistic, not like yeah, Madonna! Or U2," said Daugherty.

According to Giant members, they anticipate conducting surveys throughout the year and designating a centralized suggestion box.

Freshman and Connecticut native Drew Hornby said he would like to see someone like Mos Def or another performance from Wyclef, but in the meantime wants support from Giant in other areas of student entertainment.

"The Neptunes would be a good show, but what we really need is some funding for off-campus parties," said Hornby.

Dana Thompson, another freshman, suggested NERD or the Wailers, since she's heard they don't charge very much for performances, but Thompson says she just wants people to get involved on campus.

"I just want good music and social events," Thompson said.

Daugherty says she really likes bringing entertainment to campus and enjoys the camaraderie. She also oversees maintenance regarding the Giant website and encourages anyone with questions or feedback to send them email.

Daugherty says it's inevitable that some students will be disappointed with the limited access to particular performers.

"We really can't get Britney Spears," said Daugherty.

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Commemorate September 11th

Like New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, area charities were also hit hard. So here's your chance to help locally.

Who: Downtown Greens Community Club
Why/How: YOU can help through donations to aide this non-profit organization in purchasing shovels, wheelbarrows, and gardening tools.
Where: Woodard Campus Center
When: September 9-13th, 10am - 2 pm
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This bracelet was a gift Amber Apodaca received from the center where she helped teens with drug and alcohol problems. She was wearing it when an underage drunk driver took her life.

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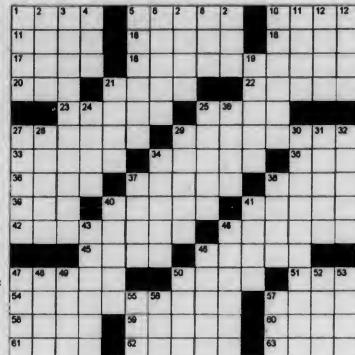
1 GM staple
5 Some stadiums
10 Greenspan, for one
14 Ambience
15 Foolish
16 Weight unit
17 Pugilistic decision
18 Bar room offerings
20 Add up
21 Give off
22 Precedes board or paper
23 Baseball's Doubleday
25 Child's bed
27 Living room
29 1968 Winter Olympic site
33 Vocalists
34 Jockey's needs
35 On the
36 A long cut
37 Mutter
38 Snow blower
39 Decade
40 Prepared
41 Curt
42 Bar room offering
44 Create a pattern
45 Bar room offerings
46 Attractive person
47 Moola in Helsinki
50 Additional
51 Wrestling need
54 Sticky bar room offering?
57 Valley
58 Loafer
59 Informed
60 Press
61 Sound property
62 Eve, for one
63 Looked at

Down

1 Acorn factories
2 Honolulu picnic
3 Bar room offering
4 _____ Paolo, Brazil

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



5 Bleacher
6 Walking
7 Comedian Short for short
8 Westminster's locale: Abbr.
9 Body of water
10 Hands on hips position
11 Low-cal
12 Fruit chemical
13 Snoopy
19 Bit add ons
21 Hall of Famer Slaughter
24 Blemish
25 Sidekick
26 DC VIPs
27 Penne
28 Poet Ginsburg
29 Score
30 Bar room offering
31 Basketball Bird
32 Act
34 Paint layers
37 Apportion
38 Fare _____ well
40 Keepsake
41 Place

Quotable Quote

Doctors bury their mistakes.
Lawyers hang them. But
journalists put theirs on the
front page.

• • • Anonymous

Pentagon Survivor Remembers September 11

REMEMBER, page 3

September 11, 2002 marks the beginning of a new life. I am in the midst of a forced career change. I can no longer do the job I was working at 9:40 EST September 11, 2001. I have learned that there is the need for a voice to bring the reality of invisible disabilities into the social conscious.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a disability, not an excuse. If I wanted an excuse, I would not have chosen the memory of a 757 crashing into the Pentagon and bursting into a 1000-foot fireball fifty yards from where I was parked. This September 11 must be a funeral for the person I lost a year ago and the first birthday of the person who is growing from the ashes.

Please join me in remembering not only the deceased but the sacrifices of the survivors as well. If you know a survivor, visit him or her, see how they are doing and offer encouragement. Remember not just the terrorism but also the kindness, heroism and solidarity that grew out of the tragedy.

All the churches of Fredericksburg are joining together for an all-day observance in Hurkamp Park on September 11. The closing ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. The churches of Spotsylvania are planning an informal service. Also, wear red, white and blue that day, "Lest we forget."

Terry L. Norton is a BLS student.

College Cannot Always Control Where Money Goes

BUDGET, page 3

Preservation, one of Mary Washington's finest departments, needed out of the basement of Trinkle. The apartment complex has provided a quick fix to a great housing concern. Need I go there? And last, but certainly the most frequently complained about: the fitness center. Mary

Washington is lacking when it comes to athletic facilities; we need more space.

The more rational reason not to criticize these projects is that most of us do not know where the money came from. Private donations must go to those projects that the individuals

choose. In other words, if I give \$1,000 to the school for a butterfly sanctuary, a butterfly sanctuary is what the school will get. We have to realize that the school is doing the best with what it has.

Sara Richmond is a junior.

Let Me Speak To You About...

SPEAKING, page 3

the Speaking Center. However, both are there to help us, and we should take advantage of both.

The Speaking Center can help any student with his or her concerns, and can go a long way in putting them at ease. The consultants work with students at every stage of the speechmaking process, including choosing a topic and reviewing the final product. We discuss ways to improve the presentation, and give suggestions about how to feel more

comfortable while giving it. And it's always nice to hear what you've done right!

I hope to see more and more students taking advantage of the Speaking Center. They can contact us at extension 1347, and come visit us in Combs Hall. Our consultant team and advisor Dr. Yook are professional and friendly. We've been doing this a long time, and we all love what we do.

Michelle Corey is a senior.

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The Weekly Wassup

What to do... Where to go?!

Thursday
5Friday
6Saturday
7Sunday
8Monday
9Tuesday
10Wednesday
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SGA workshop
-3:30
-Lee Hall Ballroom

- Spiderman 7 PM
- Insomnia 10 PM
- \$1
- Dodd Auditorium
- Dodd Auditorium

-Auditions
-6 PM
-du Pont 313
- 5 women, 2 men

Women of Color
-5PM
- Ball Parlor

- Inter Varsity Meeting
-Monroe 104
-6 PM

- MWC Performing
Arts Club
Auditions
- 4 PM
- dance studios of
Goolrick

- Polish lessons
- 12 noon
- Writing Center
-no experience
necessary

- Student
Education
Association
- 5:00 PM
- Trinkle 204

- Giant Productions
- 9 PM
- Red Room

-Free Show at the
Underground
-Schatzi
-FREE w/ MWC ID
-doors open 8:30,
show starts 9:00

.Trek Club
Meeting
-9 PM
-location TBA

-Dance Team
tryouts
-4 PM
-Dance Studios

-Human Rights Club
- 9 PM
-Monroe 102



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"This Little Place Is Just Too Strong To Be Brought Down"

Excerpts From The President's State Of The College Address

As you know, as we were moving toward the end of last year, the governor announced that for fiscal year 2002, which ended on June 30, we expected to have an \$80 million shortfall in the budget of the state. That means tax dollars were \$80 million short of what we expected. Well, as we got closer to June 30th, that number continued to go up and up. We ended the year on June 30 with a shortfall of \$273 million in taxes. That, as you know, brought us to the table last semester in making budget cuts here. We went through that exercise together. Well, during the summer, the tax revenues have continued to decrease. On Monday of this week, the Governor met with the House Appropriations committee and the Senate Finance committee and informed them that tax collections for the current fiscal year, that is fiscal year 2003, were now estimated to be \$1.5 billion dollars short.

Let me put that in perspective: If you took the entire operating budgets of the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Old Dominion University, William and Mary and George Mason University and added all of that up, you'd still be \$10 million short of a billion and five, so it's a rather sizable problem. Believe it or not, Virginia is just one of the states that is experiencing a budget shortfall. In fact, 44 other states are much worse off than Virginia is.

But on Monday the governor made it quite clear that we have a very very serious budget problem. The General Assembly is not about to raise taxes. The politics of that are in the next election, everybody in the General Assembly will be up for reelection. There's simply no appetite for raising taxes at this time.

I know some other institutions are in the stage of preparing layoff notices and doing similar things to that. We have none of those plans for us at this time, but I do want to make sure that you know we are dealing with a very very serious situation.

But to put in perspective where we are right now, on Monday the Governor asked all agencies, all public colleges and universities to resubmit budget reduction plans by Sept. 30 that would take into account preparations for a 7 percent, an 11 percent or a 15 percent cut. That is on top of what we had already cut at the end of last year, so that for example if we have to do the 15 percent cut, that is on top of what we had a 22 percent cut for this year's state appropriation to this college. My worry is not so much how we'll get through this year. It'll be a challenge, but we'll figure out a way to do that, and I can't tell you right now what things we'll have to do to get through this year. My real concern is how long the state's economy remains flat or state revenues continue to go down. I fully expect that after we do the cuts, whatever is called for this year, that will be the base floor from where our next biennial budget works from, and I do not want to mislead you or be overly optimistic that we are likely to get substantial increase appropriations from the state in the near future. It really depends on what the economy does.

Indeed, we could not be in a better position to get more money for higher education. You'll recall last year at the faculty meeting, I pleaded with you to go to the polls and vote right by looking to the man on my left, Mark Warner. He was elected, and we are so lucky he was. He is an absolutely fabulous leader... You should take comfort in knowing that you have somebody in Richmond that really is interested in higher education.

For this current year, for the fiscal year that goes through June 30, 2003, if we have to do a 15 percent budget cut on top of what we've already done, that brings the total budget cut up to 22 percent or \$3,836,000. Now, our total state appropriation is \$16,824,717, so you can see, just think with me for a minute. Take the \$16 million; back out the budget cuts about \$4 million. Factor in all of the fixed costs, insurance rates, utilities, all of those fixed costs. You quickly get to a point where we have trouble having enough money left to make our payroll. That's why there's no difference here than at all the other public colleges and universities. That's why you'll see in the papers in the days ahead more about layoffs, more about job elimination.

The purpose of this is not to scare you to death. The purpose of it is to tell you what to expect in the coming weeks because people are just beginning to work on their budget reduction plans, and there's no way to make them work without pain for individuals, and we've got to figure out a way how we are going to get through this thing.

In the past, in 1991, when we had a 20 percent cut, we raised tuition 20 percent and offset that cut. I do not think the General Assembly will allow us to do that this go around. And in any event, I think the governor is looking for reductions that will reduce all spending down to a level where we can plan through fiscal year 2006 if in fact the economy does not improve any more than what the economists are now predicting for the state of Virginia. But let me also reassure you, in 1991, we got through that recession, everybody heard of all the steps that other schools were taking, and at one point it got so bad, faculty on this campus were stopping me and asking me if I was telling the truth to them. We didn't have any cuts. We didn't experience any cuts through that whole period, so everybody went to wonder is it that higher education is having cuts because of course we haven't experienced any here.

Well, of course, what we did was to bring in more out-of-state students to generate our own revenue. We knew that the state would be upset about that, but that's one of my operating philosophies. You always preferably ask for forgiveness than for permission. You will not be surprised to look at this year's freshman class. It's about 40 percent out-of-state. I have already been notified by the House Appropriations Committee that at their first meeting I will be asked to attend and to explain why we have such a large out-of-state enrollment, and I am all prepared to go and ask for forgiveness one more time.

I don't know all of the rules that we'll have coming in the next coming of weeks from Richmond, how they stipulate. I do know they are very very cognizant in Richmond of all the games we play—not just us, but higher education has played in the past. Because this time, the difference is they are giving us quarterly budget allotments. We cannot exceed that.

Let me tell you that I am more convinced than ever before after talking to a number of my colleagues at institutions that have just gone through a move the university status of what their institutions have already experienced. If you want to do something, email one of your colleagues down at Longwood University. They became a university as of July 1. Already, they've seen applications go up and the quality of their applicant pool increase... They're ecstatic. Number one, they have an improved applicant pool, more applicants and applications than ever before. Again, they just made the move this summer and it's already materialized. Number two, they also have seen more diversity in their applicant pool. There's no surprise to that. We've known for years all along. The research is really quite clear on this. The word university to high school graduates means more opportunity. That means, we will get a broader selection of applicants so that every discipline with the same high quality students that will be studying in those disciplines. Secondly, we also know that the term university is more appealing to minorities, and given where we are, with the fastest growing minority populations in the state, it is important for us to position ourselves so we bring more and more minorities to this campus. It is important for our undergraduate experience for all of our students, and we need to take advantage of that opportunity. So let me ask you to please embrace this move to university status. Talk to colleagues at other schools.

This little place is just too strong to be brought down by state economy or any other situation. I guarantee you we will do our part, even if we have to go to the state and say I'm sorry if you can't give us any money, we're going to have to bring in 100 percent out-of-state students. And by the way we'll be delighted, in the future, to sell you some spots. I've already talked through that scenario with some of the legislators. I think that's why I was invited so early to come down for Appropriations committee, but who cares? I always ask for forgiveness anyway.

You will also have an invitation to come to Brompton. If you've seen today's paper, you know that they've discovered a dead crow in the rose garden that tested positive for West Nile virus. Now, this is not me telling you something. This is not a hidden message or me sending you to a rose garden party, just after we discovered the West Nile virus there. But be assured, we want everybody to come. There will be enough alcohol there whether you want to lose it internally or externally to kill any disease that might come along.

Meet The Faculty...Online?

Budget Forces Introductory Book To Be Electronic

By ALBERT KUGEL

Assistant News Editor

version is useful, she is optimistic of the online version.

"I love the printed version, because I use it personally to make sure who people are," Watson said. "I hope it will be used online, because a lot of work and skill went into the making of it. It looks good."

Associate Professor and Chairperson of Psychology Steve Hampton said the "Meet the Faculty" publication is not completely necessary because of its availability online.

"The budget cuts are pretty severe and printing is expensive," Hampton said. "I think the online version is a reasonable compromise. Students can look online before a class to see their professor."

The website itself provides a short biography of every faculty member as well as, in many cases, a full color picture.

The printed version did not provide all of this.

Senior Joseph Thornhill said the online version would bring the publication to more people.

"If you put it online, it's just as accessible, except now, anyone on planet Earth can look at it," Thornhill said.

Junior Christopher Dalton said the online version would make the publication more accessible.

"It's easier to find a computer than a 'Meet the Faculty' handbook," Dalton said. "You only look at it to find a specific teacher, as a reference tool."

Hall said that every department needed to weigh what spending was absolutely necessary.

"When dealing with budget cuts, you're trying to figure which bad things are least bad," Hall said.

Corporations Give MWC \$200K

By PONTIA SMITH

Assistant News Editor

was awarded in March. This would boost the total amount raised to \$6 million.

"We were thrilled to receive both of those gifts," said Jeff Roundtree, vice president for Development.

The new Alumni Executive Center will serve to celebrate the history of the college and the contributions made by alumni, parents and friends. It

Two financial companies, BB&T Corporation and Capital One Financial Corporation, have each pledged \$100,000 toward Mary Washington College's new Alumni Executive Center.

These two contributions from BB&T and Capital One bring the center to \$4.87 million in raised funds.

If the College raises an additional \$725,000 by June 30, 2003, it will meet the conditions of a \$400,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation that

Once completed, the 24,000-square-foot Center will be used for alumni events and will be available for rent by local businesses.

To acknowledge the companies' generosity, the Alumni Executive Center will permanently honor their names in the new complex. A terrace adjoining the Grand Ballroom will be named the "BB&T Terrace" and the boardroom, which overlooks the central courtyard, will be named the "Capital One Executive Boardroom."

September 2002

Events at Seacobeck

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Hed I lot Chef	4 School Days	5 Premium Night	6	7
8	9	10 Traveling Chef	11	12 Viva Las Vegas	13	14
15	16	17	18 Down On The Bayou	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Coco Loco	26 Premium Night	27	28
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